

What Is Home Visiting?

Home visiting programs offer voluntary, family focused services to expectant parents and those with new babies and young children. The foundation for any home visit is for the family to be healthy and to have a healthy child.

What is a Home Visitor?

A home visitor is more than a friendly face. Each home visitor is trained by their respective programs to support families on many levels. Home visitors strive to build successful relationships with families that are characterized by mutual respect, trust, flexibility and personalized attention.

What Takes Place During a Home Visit?

Home visits are as individual as families themselves. Your home visitor can answer questions about pregnancy or parenthood, child development, early learning and more. Read here about the two of the exceptional programs available in Alabama today: Parents as Teachers and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters.



Parents as Teachers (PAT)

PAT is a nationwide home visiting program with a stellar record of success. As a champion for early intervention and parental involvement, PAT offers a dynamic package of services. Professional educators emphasize parent-child interaction, development centered parenting and family well-being in their work. Check out a few of the focus areas:



Am I Eligible For PAT ?

PAT services can be obtained by military families and those living in lower income areas who are expecting a child or have a child or children up to kindergarten entry age.

What Can I Expect from PAT?

- bi-monthly home visits
- parenting and free enrichment activities
- group meetings (not mandatory, but highly encouraged)
- free vision, hearing and developmental screenings
- resources and links to community resources

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool

Youngsters (HIIPPY)

HIIPPY is a national home visiting program that helps parents prepare their children ages 3 to 5 for success in school and beyond. HIIPPY provides parents with a structured curriculum, storybooks and materials designed to build their children's early literacy skills, and strengthen their cognitive, social and physical development.

Am I Eligible For HIIPPY?

Join a HIIPPY Program if your family has children from ages three to five.

What Can I Expect from HIIPPY?

- 30 week in home preschool program
- 30 minute weekly home visits
- monthly group meetings (not mandatory, but highly encouraged)
- free books and materials designed to prepare young children for school
- role play activities every week



Where can I Find a PAT Program?

Alabama Network of Family Resources Montgomery, AL 334-801-9185	Counties served: Morgan, Talladega, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Randolph
Circle of Care Center for Families Valley, AL 334-768-4098	County: Served: Chambers
Community Action Partnership of North Alabama Decatur, AL 256-355-7843	Counties Served: DeKalb & Mar-
Cramer Children's Center Florence, AL 256-760-1140	Counties Served: Colbert, Franklin, Marion, Winston
Easter Seals of West Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL 205-759-1211	Counties Served: Bibb, Chilton, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Shelby
Eufaula City Schools Eufaula, AL 334-687-1100	County Served: Barbour
Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Birmingham, AL 205-801-5151	County Served: Jefferson
Family Guidance Center of Alabama, Montgomery, AL 334-270-4100	Counties Served: Bullock, Dallas, Lowndes, Macon, Wilcox
Goodwill Industries Easter Seals of the Gulf Coast Mobile, AL 251-471-1581	Counties Served: Mobile, Monroe
Health y Kids Greenville, AL 334-371-2104	County Served: Butler
Marshall County Schools Guntersville, AL 256-582-3171	County Served: Marshall
Parents and Children Together Decatur, AL 256-355-7252	County Served: Morgan
Perry County Schools Marion, AL 334-683-4147	County Served: Perry
Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement Sylacauga, AL 256-245-4343	County Served: Talladega County
Talladega Clay/Randolph Child Care Talladega, AL 256-362-13902	Counties Served: Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne
United Cerebral Palsy Birmingham, AL 205-944-3900	County Served: Jefferson

Where can I Find a HIPPY Program?

Alabama COOP Extension System Evergreen, AL Phone: 251.578.2762	Macon County Schools Tuskegee Institute, AL Phone: 334-727-.2700 Ext. 18006
Alexander City Schools Alexander City, AL Phone: 256-329-2700	Madison City Schools Madison, AL Phone: 256-464-8370 Ext. 361
Alfred Saliba Family Services Center Dothan, AL Phone: 334-792-6255	HIPPY of Monroe County Monroeville, AL Phone: 251-714-3175
Clarke County Development Foundation Grove Hill, AL Phone: 251.275.3149	Montgomery Public Schools Montgomery, AL 36108 Phone: 334-269-3768
Dallas County Schools Selma, AL Phone: 334-872-6251	Perry County School s Marion, AL Phone: 334.683.4147 Ext. 279
Elmore County Schools Wetumpka, AL Phone: 334.567.1200 Ext. 24005	SAFE Family Services Center Sylacauga, AL Phone: 256.245.4343
Eufaula City Schools Eufaula, AL Phone: 334.687.1100 Ext. 131	Sheffield City Schools Sheffield, AL Phone: 256-349-0961
Fort Payne Schools Fort Payne, AL Phone: 256-996-7275	
Friends of Education Escambia Atmore, AL Phone: 251-359-5086	



Home Visiting

Alabama's First Teacher Home Visiting Program



Home Visiting is the most innovative program for families with young children in Alabama today and it's FREE!

Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education
Creating Possibilities in the Lives of Alabama's Children

Questions and Answers

What Is the Cost?

First Teacher program services and materials are offered at no cost to our eligible Alabama families.

Are Group Meetings Mandatory?

Group meetings are not mandatory but are encouraged. The meetings are a fun way to connect with others and share common concerns and gain new insights. Enrichment activities also make group meetings worthwhile.

Do Home Visitors Discipline Children?

Your home visitor will NOT discipline your child. Your home visitor can provide ideas for you to consider should you so desire. The primary goal of a home visitor is to provide strong support and helpful information.

Rescheduling

Home visiting is meant to be convenient for you. Rescheduling is perfectly acceptable. Keep in mind that the excellent models chosen by First Teacher do require some consistency.

What if the Program is Not a Good Fit for Me?

If you feel that the program is not what you expected, simply tell your parent facilitator that you no longer wish to be in the program.